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Filipino Overtures for Peace Do Not Change His Plans.

He Will Press the War Vigorously—Views of Commissioner Schurman on the Situation.

A Manila dispatch of yesterday says: While it is the general expectation among Americans that the Filipino emissaries will return with revised proposals from Gen. Antonio Luna, Maj. Gen. Otis is not letting his prospects in conflict with his preparations for pushing the war. Yesterday he ordered Maj. Gen. Lawton to return to Angat, a few miles north of Norzagaray, and not to advance aggressively while the negotiations are pending. Gen. MacArthur is apparently acting on the same policy, but he is repairing bridges and strengthening the lines of his force, which is stretched out with a four-mile front, and within a quarter of a mile of the enemy.

The possibilities of peace are gratifying to a great majority of the army, who have regarded the war as an unpleasant duty that must be performed. The Filipino-American traditions. Manila is cheerful over the prospect of a return to normal life, though there are skeptics who remark that a truce would enable the Filipinos to reorganize and the rainy season, upon which they have been depending as an important aid.

Refugees North of San Fernando.

The prisoners report that there are 75,000 refugees north of San Fernando. This is not impossible, considering the thickly populated region which the Americans have captured. It seems also that smallpox is spreading among the Filipinos.

The so-called Filipino congress will meet at San Fernando tomorrow. When Dean C. Worcester of the United States Philippines commission, who accompanied the Filipino emissaries from Cagumpit, said to Col. Manuel Arguelles that the Americans were under no obligations to refrain from fighting, the Filipino officer replied: "Would you fight while we are discussing terms of peace?" Mr. Worcester responded with the suggestion that an armistice would give the Filipino leaders time to escape.

"My God, where would we escape to?" the Filipino exclaimed, referring to "the" the menacing hostile tribes behind the Filipino lines.

Col. Arguelles told the correspondent of the Associated Press that he was much disappointed in the results of his mission. He said also that Aguinaldo expected him to be the cemetery of the American army.

In Gen. Luna's Camp.

Lieutenant Colonel Wallace of the 1st Montana Regiment, Major Adams and Major Shields, who slept on Friday night in General Luna's camp, where they went to inform the Filipinos that their envoys would return in safety, found the Filipino commander cordial, the Filipino troops removing their hats as the Americans passed. The Filipino envoys, however, were not Americans used explosive bullets, which is not the fact. The American officers referred that the copper shells used by the Filipino were not of the same quality as the General Luna said he regretted being obliged to kill Americans, but that was his business.

General Wheaton entertained Colonel Arguelles and Lieutenant Jose Bernal, and provided them with horses to return to their camp.

In the course of the conference yesterday Jacob C. Schurman, chairman of the United States Philippines commission, told Colonel Arguelles that if the insurgents would now lay down their arms, the commission would consider the plan of government to be submitted to President McKinley. He said he could not promise their suggestions would be adopted, but he could assure them that there would be a presumption in favor of their suggestions, adding that the commission would be especially desirous of satisfying the legitimate aspirations of the Filipinos.

When Colonel Arguelles protested that unconditional surrender would be humiliation, Mr. Schurman replied: "There would be no humiliation in General Otis treating our brother Filipinos as General Grant treated our brother Americans at Appomattox."

Mr. Schurman's Views.

Mr. Schurman said today to the correspondent of the Associated Press: "I believe Colonel Arguelles is personally sincere and honest, though I have no means of ascertaining the sentiments and aims of the authorities behind him. The Filipino people, like other Asiatic peoples, have no trust in mere words without facts behind them, but, with force, I consider a conciliatory spirit of the utmost importance. "I believe that when peace has been established, general peace will follow. The Filipinos will be a difficult matter, provided we show them firmness, justice and kindness. At the present time they distrust and dislike us, but these sentiments will soon be dispelled by the effects of the good government we have promised to establish here. It will be the foremost duty of American officials to understand and sympathize with the Filipinos themselves."

Yesterday, before General Otis had issued the order directing General Lawton to return to Angat, the troops of his command encountered the rebels in a circle of hills outside San Rafael, about five miles northwest of Angat, dislodging them after an hour's fighting. The Americans had three wounded. A thousand armed Filipinos fell back as the Americans advanced. The villagers had sent word to Manila, offering him provisions. They dare not flee into the mountain country on the east, because of the robber tribes there, and on the west are troops of General Lawton. The messengers, Carrick and Holmes, Americans, who had been running a sugar mill at Calumpit, and whose fate had caused some anxiety, have sent word to Manila that they are safe with Mr. Higgins, manager of the Manila-Dagupan railroad, at Beyonbang.

ADMIRAL SPOTTS REMAINS.

Commander Miller Describes the Disaster at the Falkland Islands.

Commander Miller of the United States cruiser Albatross has made a report to the Navy Department in regard to the recent cruise of that vessel to the Falkland Islands. It is dated Port Stanley, March 12, and is as follows: "It is now many years since a United States man-of-war visited this port, and our arrival on the 8th was a great surprise and satisfaction to the inhabitants, who came down to the bund to watch our arrival. We remained here four days. The people were very courteous, and when we were placed in the children at play stood up and saluted as we passed."

"We found in the harbor her majesty's flagship Flamingo, commanded by Captain R. N., and her majesty's ship Swallow, commanded by Commander G. Francis W. Keary, R. N. Our conversation with Mr. John E. Rowley of Lewis, as consul, I exchanged calls with the above named officials, as is customary, and fired the usual salute."

"This ship was sent here by the Navy Department to examine and remove the remains of the late Rear Admiral James H. Spots, U. S. N., who died on board the United States flagship Brooklyn, March 9, 1882, and was buried on March 10, 1882. "The station of the ship was examined on the anniversary of his burial. Ready and willing permission was given by the authorities for all the ceremonies—the exhuming, the removal, the landing of a firing party under arms and the procession. "Commodore Norcock kindly sent on shore of his field gun carriages and timber for the removal of the remains from the cemetery to the docks. He also placed at my disposal his steamer and a cutter for further conveyance from the docks to the ship. He also sent on shore his band and large escort. He and the commanding officers of the Flamingo and Swallow acted as panderers with myself and other officers of this ship. The governor, in full dress uniform, with his staff, joined in the procession. The ladies on shore sent floral offerings, which were placed in the coffin. "As an act of courtesy, Commodore Norcock volunteered permission to fly the American colors over the cutter which had placed at my disposal to convey the body from the shore to the ship."

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